

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Wilton Simpson

SUBJECT: Committee Assignments

DATE: December 3, 2020

As we prepare for interim committee meetings to resume in early January, I am pleased to announce the composition of our Senate Committees. I have attached a list of committee assignments by Senator and by Committee, as well as the Committee blocks.

You will notice that committee blocks have been reduced so no more than three committees are meeting at one time. This schedule will allow us to utilize the committee rooms with the largest seating area for Senators, 412 Knott, 110 SB, and 37 SB, to accommodate appropriate social distancing.

Over the last several weeks, I have enjoyed meeting with each of you to discuss the ways you feel you can best contribute to the Senate. I have worked to incorporate the interests stated on your subject matter preference forms, as well as your comments from our personal conversations. Many Senators have a subject matter expertise gained by either professional excellence or prior legislative service. This experience is a tremendous benefit to the Senate. As you know, I also believe one of the benefits of a citizen legislature is the new approaches and differing points of view offered by individuals who have limited or no prior experience with a particular subject matter. I worked to balance these ideas in finalizing committee assignments.

As we head toward the new year, I encourage all Senators to utilize our outstanding professional staff in order to ensure you are up to speed in your assigned areas.